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1. In connection with the projected establishment of a Free Lao Government headed by Prince Souphanouvong in the town of Xieng Khuang, a group of Free Laos under Ton Chan from Lampang and Chiengsan has recently joined the Free Lao forces of Souphanavong. Tao Singapore (sic) and his group in Napeh\* may also be forced to join Souphanavong as they have no hope of getting outside assistance.
2. Viet Minh forces are now preparing to attack Xieng Khuang, and Ho Chi Minh has told Souphanavong, who visited him at Vinh in May, to press on with his plans to organize a Lao Government which will have "the guarantee and assistance of Communist China and the Soviet Union."\*\*
3. Phya Khammao, former Premier of the Provisional Laos Government in Bangkok, and now a leader of the French-supported Laos Government in Vientiane, recently discussed the situation in Laos with an old colleague. He stated that the anti-Ho Chi Minh group in the Vientiane area were very weak militarily and could not withstand any real pressure from Ho Chi Minh without help from outside. He further stated that because Vientiane could easily be destroyed, the population dreads the Viet Minh.

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25X1 \* [ ] Comment. [ ] states that a mixed force of Free Laos and Viet Minh troops captured Napeh, about 40 kilometers from Thakhek, during May 1950.

25X1 \*\* [ ] Comment. The phrase "guarantee and assistance" is presumed to mean that the Soviet and Chinese Communist governments will recognize Souphanavong's Lao government.

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